



### A Legacy in Action

The mission of the Ted Stevens Foundation is to recognize and honor Senator Ted Stevens' career in public service and to apply his legacy through outreach and education.

#### Update from the Executive Director:

With the close of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, we congratulate the extraordinary athletes who competed on the world's stage despite enormous obstacles. Their commitment and dedication in the most trying of times is a testament to their resiliency. And residents across the state are celebrating the wonderful accomplishments of our Alaskan athletes!

At the Foundation, we have been busy continuing our work on the Senator's collection, with a specific focus on the Senator's legislation in sports and equality in sports, and preparing materials for the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. We have also begun discussions for the events leading up to the commissioning of the new *USS Ted Stevens* destroyer currently under construction at the Huntington Ingalls shipyard. And recently we partnered with the Daniel K. Inouye Institute, Hawai'i International Film Festival, and Anchorage International Film Festival to provide opportunities for Alaskan student filmmakers.

We are grateful to our donors, who despite a challenging year, enabled us to continue our work.

Best,

Karina Waller

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## Thank You



The Ted Stevens Foundation has received two grants this year along with a gracious donation to help support our mission.

We received a grant from the **Atwood Foundation** to assist us in creating our multimedia presentation for this year's ANCSA @ 50 celebration.

We also received a grant from the **National Film Preservation Foundation** to help preserve two of our 16 mm films for future audiences - one of which is from the 1950s and the other is from 1970 and related to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The **Arctic Slope Regional Corporation** graciously donated to our mission this year, supporting our work in archiving and curating the Senator's papers, as well as our legacy events including the ANCSA @ 50 celebration.

Thank you for your support - we could not do our work without it.



## Ted Stevens Day



The 11th Annual Ted Stevens Day occurred on July 24, 2021. In Anchorage, the Foundation hosted an ice cream and skating party at the Dimond Ice Chalet. We were grateful for the opportunity to gather together for a fun family event. Thank you to our partners for assisting us with our statewide events:

- Dimond Center
- Dimond Center Baskin-Robbins
- iHeartMedia
- Juneau's Capital City Republicans
- Kenai River Sportfishing Association

And a shout out to the athletes of Special Olympics Alaska, Alaska Speedskating Club, the Anchorage Wolverines, and our volunteers for coming out to support us at the Dimond Center event!

Juneau's Capital City Republicans celebrated with a tour of the Treadwell Mine, and Kenai River Sportfishing Association held a booth at the Soldotna's Progress Days to discuss their advocacy and conservation program and how Senator Stevens helped set the groundwork in our great state.

Photos courtesy of: Karina Waller - Ted Stevens Foundation; Logan Burt - Dimond Center; and Capital City Republicans.





# CONGRATULATIONS - 2021 TED STEVENS LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

Celeste "CJ" Harrell, UAS, with Jesse Kiehl  
Trystin Luhr, UAS, with Chris Tuck  
M. Riley Nye, UAS, with Shelley Hughes  
Trevor Bailly, UAF, with Bill Wielechowski  
Emma Ashlock, UAF, with Mia Costello  
Max Robicheaux, UAF, with Scott Kawasaki  
Connor Owens, UAS, with Tom Begich

Congratulations to this year's Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program recipients!

To learn more about this program, please visit:

<https://www.uas.alaska.edu/internprogram/>

*(Below) Photo courtesy of 2021 TS Intern Emma Ashlock (left) while in Juneau this year.*





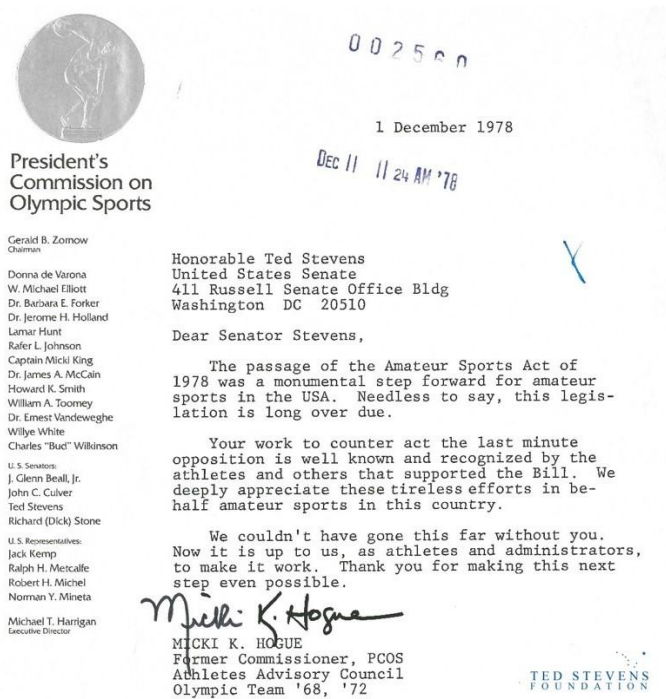


(Above) Attorney Jay Greenfield, Senator Ted Stevens, and Alaska Federation of Natives President Emil Notti discuss the Alaska Native Land Claims hearings in Washington, D.C. in the Senate TV studio on April 30, 1969. U.S. Senate / Stevens Foundation photo.

The 50th anniversary of the **Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act** is rapidly approaching, and the Ted Stevens Foundation is part of a planning committee to celebrate this milestone. The Foundation has been providing photographs and background materials to various organizations for their publications, and is developing a multimedia presentation to be shown in conjunction with educational programs and events.

Stay tuned for the latest developments!

## From the Desk of the Archivists:



Senator Ted Stevens was a lifelong advocate for athletic competition and equality in sports.

A father of six, including three daughters, the Senator believed in a level playing field for all athletes, regardless of gender. As Senator, he became a staunch supporter of **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, which worked to ensure parity in sports and education.

*(Left) Thank you letter from Micki Hogue, President's Commission on Olympic Sports re the passage of the Amateur Sports Act, 1 December 1978.*

That year, Senator Stevens also became involved with the Olympic movement while serving on President Ford's Commission on Olympic and Amateur Sports. His work on the Commission culminated in his sponsorship of the **Amateur Sports Act of 1978**, which restructured amateur sports, established the **United States Olympic Committee (USOC)** and national governing bodies for each Olympic sport, and provided legal protections for individual athletes.

*(Below) Mailgram from F. Don Miller - USOC Executive Director thanking TS for his efforts to pass the Amateur Sports Act, 18 October 1978.*



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THE HONORABLE TED STEVENS  
U.S. SENATE  
WASHINGTON DC 20510

THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU AND TO YOUR STAFF MEMBERS PARTICULARLY MARY MCAULIFFE FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF THE 95TH CONGRESS TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE ENACTMENT OF S2727 AND JOINT HOUSE-SENATE CONTINUING RESOLUTION 1139. ON BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF AMATEUR ATHLETES AND THOSE DEDICATED VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS YOU HAVE OUR PROFOUND AND SINCERE THANKS AND DEEP GRATITUDE FOR A TOUGH JOB HANDLED WITH PERFECTION, YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE ENACTMENT OF THIS LANDMARK LEGISLATION FOR AMATEUR ATHLETICS,  
F. DON MILLER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

17:21 EST

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"Mr. President:

It is with a real sense of accomplishment that I call up S. 2727, the Amateur Sports Act... The first Olympics began so that countries could lay aside their differences and vie against one another for the pure sport of it... Each competitor was, as he or she is today, an ambassador for his or her country. It is for these unheralded ambassadors that I urge passage of this bill today."

-Senator Ted Stevens draft floor statement, 12 October 1978.



*(Above) TS receives an award from USOC's Disabled Sports USA group honoring his recognition and support for Paralympic athletes in 1999.*

Senator Stevens later led the charge to revise the law as the sponsor of the **Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1998**, later renamed the **Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1998** in tribute to his efforts. This act expanded the USOC to include the Paralympic games, increased athlete representation, eliminated the amateur status requirement, and provided additional protections for athletes.

Throughout his career, Senator Stevens remained a staunch advocate for our nation's athletes and all Olympics and Olympians, including the Special Olympics and Paralympics.





Learn more about Ted's involvement with Women in Sports legislation: [Ted Stevens Was Guardian Angel of Women in Sports - Women's eNews \(womensenews.org\)](https://www.womensenews.org)

*(Left) Olympic gold medalist and co-founder of the Women's Sports Foundation, Donna de Varona joins Senator Stevens outside the Senate dining room in the Capitol on December 15, 1980. The two worked together on issues including Title IX and The Amateur Sports Act.*

*(Below) Alaskan Olympians from the 2002 Winter games visit Sen. Stevens' office. From left to right: Kikkan Randall, Jay Hakkinen, Lars Flora, Nina Kemppel, and Aelin Peterson. 23 April 2002.*

Stevens Foundation photos.



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